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Ms. Renata Hesse
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As a supporter of the Microsoft Corporation, I wish to offer my comments on the settlement that is on the table. I believe that the provisions that relate to "windows design obligations" and "computer-maker flexibility" demonstrate Microsoft's good faith in wanting to put an end to this litigation.

Let me elaborate.

Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows, beginning with an interim release of Windows XP, to make it easy to add or remove access to features built in to Windows or to non-Microsoft software. Consumers can change their configuration at any time.

Microsoft has also agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows.

For the good of the economy and the high tech industry, I look forward to hearing that this case has been settled.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ann Hadden'.